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Annual Report

of the

TOWN OF BOW



For the Year Ending January 31

1924

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town and School District Officers

ALSO

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

OF THE

TOWN OF BOW

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31

1924

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator.

CHARLES S. GOODRICH.

Representative.

GEORGE ALBEE.

Selectmen.

ARTHUR M. CASE.

FRANK E. COLBY.

FRED J. SHEDD.

Treasurer.

FLORENCE M. SARGENT.

Town Clerk.

ANNIE C. FOOTE.

Auditor.

WILLOUGHBY COLBY

Supervisors.

JOHN P. ELLIOTT.

CHARLES S. GOODRICH.

PEARL F. RUMRILL.

Tax Collector.

EDWIN A. COLBY.

Health Officer.

JOHN P. ELLIOTT.

Library Trustees.

RUFUS H. BAKER, President.

ROBERT W. UPTON, Treasurer.

FRANK E. WOODBURY.

STICKNEY F. SHORT.

ARTHUR M. CASE.

A. M. CASE, Librarian.

Sexton.

PERLEY A. CLOUGH.

Police Officer.

GEORGE A. DREW.

Highway Surveyors.

District No.

District No.

1—Burt Brown.

2—Perley A. Clough, Frank
D. Clough.

3—E. M. Vail.

4—Gerry Kimball.

5—Oscar Nelson.

6—Mark E. Warriner.

7—Walter Putney.

8—Wilber H. Vaughn.

9—Frank E. Woodbury.

10—Almond S. Colby.

11—Hamilton Colby.

12—Charles H. Hadley.

13—Fred Hodgman.

14—Sanford Sidelinger.

TOWN WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

[L. s.]

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bow in the County of
Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Bow on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.
3. To bring in your votes for the election of Delegates-at-Large. Alternate Delegates-at-Large, District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates to the National Conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties, to be held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.
4. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for repair of highways and bridges in addition to the amount required by law.
5. To see if the town will accept state aid on highways.
6. To see if the town will raise \$432 for electric lights.
7. To see what sum of money the town will raise to extend electric lighting.
8. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Old Home Day.
9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$125 for control of white pine blister rust.

10. To see if the town will appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a town forest, and make recommendations at the regular town meeting, March, 1925.

11. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to build a shed for two snow rollers at Bow Mills.

12. To see if the town will vote to throw up part of the old road passing by the southerly side of house of Frank Furbush.

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal, 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty four.

ARTHUR M. CASE,
FRANK E. COLBY,
FRED J. SHEDD,
Selectmen of Bow.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARTHUR M. CASE,
FRANK E. COLBY,
FRED J. SHEDD,
Selectmen of Bow.

TOWN BUDGET

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year February 1, 1924 to January 31, 1925, compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, February 1, 1923 to January 31, 1924.

SOURCE OF REVENUE.

	<i>1923.</i>	<i>Estimated for 1924.</i>
From state:		
Insurance tax,	\$30.00	\$30.00
Railroad tax,	196.63	196.63
Savings Bank,	1,067.95	1,067.95
Forest fires,	226.26	226.26
For highways:		
State aid maintenance,	1,000.00	1,000.00
From local sources except taxes:		
Auto permits,	745.14	745.14
Rent of town hall,	12.50	12.50
Interest received on taxes,	112.29	112.29
Poll taxes,	600.00	600.00
From state:		
For state aid highway construction,	462.00	462.00
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes,	4,477.17	4,477.17
Amount raised by property taxes,	18,638.07	19,612.52
Total revenues,	\$23,115.24	\$24,089.69

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURE.

	<i>1923.</i>	<i>Estimated for 1924.</i>
General government:		
Town officers' salaries,	\$598.71	\$600.00
Town officers' expenses,	249.25	250.00

Election and registration ex- penses,	\$8.00	\$50.00
Care and supplies of town hall,	55.27	75.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Fire department,	\$267.27	\$100.00
Moth extermination,	100.00	125.00
Health:		
Health department,	10.00	10.00

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

State's contribution,	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Town's contribution,	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town maintenance,	3,077.98	4,500.00
Street lighting,	234.00	432.00
General expense of highway de- partment,	1,258.16	1,000.00
Education:		
Libraries,	25.00	25.00
Charities:		
Town poor,	422.71	1,000.00
Patriotic purposes:		
Memorial Day,	8.00	85.00
Public service enterprise:		
Cemeteries,	29.75	20.00
Interest:		
On temporary loans,	141.33	141.33
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:		
State aid construction:		
State's contribution,	460.00	460.00
Town's contribution,	1,671.50	1,671.50
Payments to other governmental division:		
State taxes,	2,265.50	2,265.50
County taxes,	1,823.30	1,823.30
Payments to school districts,	6,879.83	7,447.39
Total expenditures,	\$21,585.56	\$24,089.69

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF TOWN, APRIL 1, 1923.

Lands and Buildings:

Resident,	\$377,080.00	
Non-resident,	680,920.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,058,000.00

Horses:

Resident, 172,	\$17,095.00	
Non-resident, 25,	3,050.00	
	<hr/>	20,145.00

Oxen:

Resident, 2,		125.00
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Cows:

Resident, 321,	\$15,170.00	
Non-resident, 8,	450.00	
	<hr/>	15,620.00

Neat stock:

Resident, 42,	\$1,295.00	
Non-resident, 2,	80.00	
	<hr/>	1,375.00

Resident:

Sheep, 41,	205.00
Fowls, 2,581,	2,581.00

Wood and lumber:

Non-resident,	56,120.00
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Portable mills,

Non-resident, 3,	5,000.00
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Money at interest, 8,325.55

Stock in trade, 400.00

Total valuation,	<hr/> \$1,167,896.55
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Tax rate \$1.70 per \$100 or \$17.00 per \$1,000.

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Town charges,	\$900.00	
Maintenance of town roads and bridges,	4,500.00	
State aid maintenance,	1,000.00	
Street lighting,	396.00	
Town poor,	400.00	
State aid construction,	1,669.05	
State taxes,	3,270.00	
County taxes,	1,823.00	
White pine blister rust,	100.00	
Library,	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,083.05

SCHOOL BUDGET.

School board,	\$195.00	
Truant officer,	60.00	
School treasurer,	25.00	
Clerk,	3.00	
Moderator,	2.00	
Auditor,	2.00	
High school tuition,	200.00	
Excess salary of superintendent,	100.00	
Per capita tax,	256.00	
\$5.00 per thousand equalized valuation,	6,604.34	
	<hr/>	7,447.34
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		\$21,530.39
Less amount received from polls,	\$1,077.00	
Less amount received from state,	1,266.93	
	<hr/>	2,343.93
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		\$19,186.46

Polls, 330, at \$5.00 each,	\$1,650.00	
Polls, 9, at \$3.00 each,	27.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,677.00
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		\$20,863.46
Overlay,		667.69
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Committed to collector,		\$21,531.15

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Cash in hands of treasurer,	Due to school district:
Joint highway accounts, in state	Dog licenses,
treasury,	School money,
Bounties,	State and town joint highway ac-
Forestry dept. for forest fires,	counts in state treasury,
H. Finch,	In town treasury,
Town of Litchfield, Maine, for D.	
Burbank,	
Taxes not collected 1923,	
Total assets,	

\$1,688.15
416.71
46.60
50.15
42.50

\$149.50
1,967.51

416.71
435.25

\$2,968.97
506.43

\$3,475.40

PRIVATE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

Sarah Upton fund,	\$130.45
Elmira Ordway fund,	327.21
Chas. F. Hammond fund,	144.34
Andrew Gault fund,	157.54
David N. Morgan fund,	265.72
Addie I. Johnson fund,	135.52
Mary E. Childs fund,	117.29

There was expended the following amounts:

Elmira Ordway fund,	1.50
Addie I. Johnson fund,	1.50

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall, land and buildings,	\$2,500.00	
Furniture and equipment,	300.00	
Library land and building,	17,000.00	
Highway department, land and buildings,	500.00	
Equipment,	1,600.00	
	<hr/>	\$21,900.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Total number of dogs licensed :

63 male,	\$126.00	
7 female,	35.00	
2 kennel licenses,	24.00	
	<hr/>	\$185.00
Auto permits,		747.14
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Total,		\$942.14

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total receipts for year,	\$30,793.90
Cash on hand February 1, 1923,	108.57
	<hr/> \$30,902.47
Total payments for all purposes,	29,214.32
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Cash on hand February 1, 1924,	\$1,688.15

RECEIPTS.

Current revenue from local taxes,	21,084.59
From state:	
For highways:	
State aid maintenance,	\$757.76
State aid construction,	402.73
Insurance tax,	30.00
Railroad tax,	196.63
Savings Bank tax,	1,092.61
Fighting forest fires,	172.48
	<hr/> 2,652.21
From local sources except taxes:	
Dog licenses,	\$187.00
Rent of town hall,	12.50
Interest received on taxes,	112.29
Permits for registration of motor vehicles,	745.14
	<hr/> 1,056.93
Receipts other than current revenue:	
Temporary loans,	\$6,000.00
Refund	.17
	<hr/> 6,000.17
Total revenue from all sources,	<hr/> \$30,793.90
Cash on hand, February 1, 1923,	108.57
	<hr/> \$30,902.47

PAYMENTS.

Current maintenance expense:

Town officers salaries,	\$598.71	
Town officers expenses,	249.25	
Election and registration expenses,	8.00	
Town hall expense,	55.27	
	<hr/>	\$911.23

Protection of persons and property:

Forest fires,	\$445.27	
White pine blister rust,	100.00	
Bounties,	46.60	
	<hr/>	591.87

Health department,	10.00
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Highways and bridges:

State aid maintenance,	\$1,579.76	
Town maintenance,	3,995.38	
Street lighting,	234.00	
General expenses of highway department,	1,258.16	
	<hr/>	7,067.30

Library,	25.00
Charities, town poor,	422.71
Patriotic purposes, memorial,	8.00
Cemeteries,	29.75
Damages and legal expenses,	33.00

Interest:

Paid on temporary loans,	141.33
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New construction:

State aid,	2,131.50
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Indebtedness:

Payment on temporary loans,	6,000.00
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Payments to other governmental divisions:

Taxes paid to state,	\$2,265.50	
Taxes paid to county,	1,823.30	
Payments to school dis.	6,879.83	
Poll tax special,	874.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,842.63

Total payments for all purposes,	\$29,214.32
Cash on hand January 31, 1924,	1,688.15
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Grand total,	\$30,902.47
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TOWN MAINTENANCE.

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

Town officers salaries:

Mark E. Warriner, selectman,	\$11.00	
Edwin A. Colby, collector,	50.00	
Annie C. Foote, clerk, salary		
and fees,	101.40	
Chas. S. Goodrich, moderator,	5.00	
Pearl F. Rumrill, supervisor,	5.00	
Edwin A. Colby, collector,	100.00	
Florence Sargent, treasurer,	50.00	
Arthur M. Case, selectman,	92.00	
Frank E. Colby, selectman,	110.00	
Fred J. Shedd, selectman,	70.00	
	<hr/>	\$594.40

Town officers expenses:

Rumford Press, town reports,	\$114.40
Evans Press, stationery,	14.02
Arthur C. Chadwick, moving	
town records,	2.00
Frank E. Colby, postage,	5.00
E. C. Eastman Co., stationery,	11.85
Annie C. Foote, auditor,	2.50
Concord Press, tax bills,	5.14
Automotive service bureau,	9.04

Jackman and Lang, surety bonds,	\$65.00	
Annie C. Foote, clerk, postage,	5.01	
Florence Sargent, treasurer, postage,	4.60	
Arthur M. Case, selectman,	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$253.56
Election and registration expense:		
Chas. S. Goodrich, supervisor,	\$6.00	
John P. Elliott, supervisor,	5.00	
	<hr/>	11.00
Town Hall Expense:		
Jackman and Lang, fire insurance,	\$16.87	
Ford Foundry Co., stove,	30.60	
Perley A. Clough, janitor,	7.80	
	<hr/>	55.27
Forest fire:		
H. M. Colby, warden,		445.27
White pine blister rust,		100.00
Bounties:		
Edward Saltmarsh, wild cat,	20.00	
Lloyd Saltmarsh, wild cat,	20.00	
Ernest Morgan, hedgehogs,	3.40	
Arthur M. Case, hedgehogs,	.80	
Frank E. Colby, hedgehogs,	.80	
Fred J. Shedd, hedgehogs,	1.60	
	<hr/>	46.60
Health department:		
John P. Elliott, health officer,		10.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

STATE AID MAINTAINANCE.

Fred J. Shedd, patrolman and surfacing river road,	\$1,579.76
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TOWN MAINTAINANCE.

	<i>District 1.</i>	
Burt Brown,		\$148.15
	<i>District 2.</i>	
Perley A. Clough,		
Frank D. Clough,		314.69
	<i>District 3.</i>	
E. M. Vail,		183.00
	<i>District 4.</i>	
Gerry Kimball,		159.80
	<i>District 5.</i>	
Carl Ogden,		161.11
	<i>District 6.</i>	
Mark E. Warriner,		236.51
	<i>District 7.</i>	
Walter Putney,		305.77
	<i>District 8.</i>	
W. H. Vaughn,		127.89
	<i>District 9.</i>	
Frank E. Woodbury,		352.02
	<i>District 10.</i>	
Almond S. Colby,		355.76
	<i>District 11.</i>	
Hamilton M. Colby,		460.97
	<i>District 12.</i>	
Chas. H. Hadley,		231.50
	<i>District 13.</i>	
Fred Hodgman,		273.32
	<i>District 14.</i>	
S. S. Sidelinger,		181.24
Bridge repairs:		
Turnpike Bridge,		286.25
Street lighting,		234.00

GENERAL EXPENSES OF HIGHWAYS.

N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts,	\$457.59
Thompson & Hoague, tools,	41.98
J. B. Varick, dynamite,	29.00
Boutwell, Upton & Boutwell, lumber,	45.00
F. E. Colby, lumber,	69.91
Jackman & Lang, insurance for road con. men,	49.00
S. S. Sidelinger, hauling material for bridges,	15.16
Warren Merrill, repairs and building snow rollers,	335.00
Hutchinson Building Co., lumber and cement,	183.00
E. B. Hanchay, blacksmithing,	6.80
Fred J. Shedd, posts,	4.32
Frank B. Weyant, labor,	6.50
Water Tubs:	
Walter Putney,	3.00
Robert M. Ordway,	3.00
Clara J. Upton,	3.00
Estate Ella Downing,	3.00
Clarence J. Colby,	3.00
	<hr/> \$1,258.16

LIBRARY.

Baker Free Library,	25.00
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CHARITIES.

Town poor:	
Ann Nichols,	365.00
H. Finch,	52.50
D. Burbank, charged to Litchfield, Maine,	15.21
Memorial Day:	
For soldiers' graves,	8.00
Cemeteries:	
A. H. Britton, cemetery gates,	19.75
P. A. Clough, care of cemetery,	10.00

Damages:

Harry F. Lake, for Etta Rowe for care of injured of Curtis explosion,	\$18.00
Emma L. Hall,	15.00
Interest paid on temporary loans National State Capital Bank,	141.33

TOWN MAINTENANCE.

Bridge Repairs in District 12.

Fred Shedd, foreman,	\$58.50
S. Sidelinger, team,	55.25
F. Colby, Jr., labor,	30.00
P. Sargent, labor,	30.00
F. White, labor,	34.50
H. Colby, labor,	22.50
W. D. Wetherbee, labor,	31.50
L. Duford, labor,	3.00
C. Hadley, team,	7.50
Al Hammond, labor,	7.50
Wm. Wheeler, labor,	6.00
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	\$286.25

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

RESURFACING RIVER ROAD.

Fred J. Shedd, foreman,	\$61.25
A. S. Colby, team,	84.50
Perley Clough, team,	84.50
Roy Cilley, team,	91.00
F. H. Goodwin, team,	58.50
S. S. Sidelinger, team,	91.00
E. M. Vail, team,	59.00
Walter Alexander, team,	39.00
Asa Morgan, team,	48.75
Philip Sargent, labor,	30.00
Arthur Sargent, labor,	38.50
Earl Hemphill, labor,	45.50
W. D. Wetherbee, labor,	39.00

F. B. Weyant, labor,	\$30.00	
Frank White, labor,	46.50	
M. E. Messinger, labor,	39.00	
Paul May, labor,	7.50	
R. Drew, labor,	27.00	
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NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS.

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION.

BOW CENTER-DUNBARTON ROAD.

Fred J. Shedd, foreman,	\$197.00
Frank D. Clough, team,	117.00
Asa Morgan, team,	55.25
A. Sterling Colby, team,	169.00
Perley A. Clough, team,	221.25
Sanford Sidelinger,	151.25
David Burbank, shoveler,	99.00
R. Clark, shoveler,	69.00
R. Drew, shoveler,	78.00
Nathan Loomis, shoveler,	97.50
Frank B. Weyant, shoveler,	78.50
Earl Hamphill, leveler,	87.25
Arthur Hansen, shoveler,	69.25
Phillip Sargent, leveler,	70.50
W. H. Colby, shoveler,	69.50
Edgar Tenney, shoveler,	84.00
M. E. Messenger, shoveler,	24.00
Harry Smith, shoveler,	61.50
Arthur Sargent, shoveler,	20.00
Charles Hamphill, shoveler,	67.25
H. Drew, shoveler,	30.00
William Guillaudet, shoveler,	37.50
Ed. Griffin,	25.50
R. Wessman,	22.50
James Storey,	15.50
Herbert Drew,	4.50
Geo. A. Foote,	3.00

A. Gravlin,	\$6.00	
Mrs. R. Clough, 700 loads gravel at 10¢,	70.00	
Flanders Greene, 60 loads gravel at 10¢,	6.00	
Boutwell, Upton & Boutwell, lumber,	20.70	
Joseph E. Smith, 26 posts, at .30¢,	7.80	
	<hr/>	\$2,131.50
Temporary loans:		
National State Capital Bank,		\$6,000.00
Taxes paid to state,	\$3,139.50	
Taxes paid to county,	1,823.30	
Payment to School District,	6,879.83	
	<hr/>	11,842.63
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Total payments for all purposes,		\$29,214.32
Cash on hand, January 31, 1924,		1,688.15
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Grand total,		\$30,902.47

ARTHUR M. CASE,
FRANK E. COLBY,
FRED J. SHEDD,
Board of Selectmen.

REPORT ON WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST.

In accordance with the terms of an agreement executed between the town of Bow and the New Hampshire Forestry Commission, we are herewith submitting the report of work conducted in your town during 1923 in the control of the White Pine Blister Rust.

OBJECT OF UNDERTAKING.

This work was undertaken for the purpose of continuing the removal of currant and gooseberry bushes, which are the only means of preventing the spread of the Blister Rust disease.

There is enclosed herewith a map of the town of Bow upon which has been indicated the area covered in previous seasons and those worked in 1923. It was expected that the past season's work would complete all necessary work in Bow, but this was found to be impossible owing to the large number of currant and gooseberry bushes which abounded in the areas worked. By referring to past reports of the Department it will be noted that more bushes were found in 1923 in proportion to the area covered than in any other previous year. In fact it is believed that only through very conscientious work on the part of the crew were they able to destroy as many bushes as they did with the small appropriation which was available.

The following financial statement indicates the expenditures made in this work.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town appropriation,	\$100.00	
State aid,	25.00	
Balance of 1922 state and town funds,	10.42	
Total,	<hr/>	\$135.42
Crew wages,	\$133.22	
Transportation,	2.00	
Total,	<hr/>	135.22
Balance,		\$0.20
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Total area covered,	512 acres	
Cost per acre,	\$0.262	
Total number of currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed,	30,397	

PLANS FOR 1924.

According to the advice of the Blister Rust Agent as to the necessity of further work in Bow, the Department is informed that the wild currant and gooseberry bushes in the small remaining area are so numerous that he does not believe this territory can be cleaned up on much less than \$156.00. This program would require an appropriation by the town of \$125.00. This increased 25 per cent from State funds, plus the small balance remaining from this year's appropriation would give a total of \$156.25. The Department therefore recommends that an article be inserted in the town warrant, in the amount of \$125.00 for completing control work.

Yours very truly,

N. H. FORESTRY COMMISSION,

by J. H. FOSTER,

State Forester.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

OF

ROBERT W. UPTON, TREASURER BAKER FREE LIBRARY,

FROM

JANUARY 1, 1923, TO JANUARY 1, 1924.

RECEIPTS.

By cash received from Putnam Investment Company, interest due on investments,	\$550.07
By cash received interest on Liberty Bonds,	4.27
By cash received Town of Bow,	25.00
By cash on hand January 1, 1923,	245.61
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	\$824.95

DISBURSEMENTS.

To cash paid for books, magazines, etc.,	\$192.42	
To cash paid Concord Electric Company,	11.00	
To cash paid Thompson & Hoague Company,	2.72	
To cash paid Edward Nordine, labor,	1.75	
To cash paid Arthur Chadwick,	8.00	
To cash paid Arthur M. Case, account, services,	150.00	
To cash paid Susan Colby, services,	10.00	
To cash paid Boutwell, Upton & Boutwell, wood,	80.00	
To cash paid Arthur M. Case, wood,	7.00	
To cash paid Insurance,	158.13	
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	\$621.02	621.02
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Balance on hand January 1, 1924		\$203.93

SECURITIES ON HAND.

Carl Jones and Wife, mortgage,	\$5,000.00	
J. Ooestendorp and Wife, mortgage,	5,000.00	
U. S. Liberty Bonds,	200.00	
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	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
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		\$10,403.93

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I, the undersigned, auditor of the Selectmen's and Treasurer's Accounts for the year ending January 31, 1924, certify that I have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLOUGHBY A. COLBY.

January 31, 1924.

SCHOOL REPORT.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Moderator.

WILLIS F. WOODBURY.

Clerk.

WILLIAM A. WHITE.

School Board.

ALBERT G. LYFORD.

EMMA P. CLOUGH.

EDWIN A. COLBY.

Treasurer.

CHARLES S. GOODRICH.

Auditor.

MAUDE I. PUTNEY.

Truant Officer.

FRANK E. WOODBURY.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1923.

CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The ac-

counts are kept in accordance with Chapter 57, Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 60, Laws of 1921, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

HENRY S. ROBERTS,
Superintendent.

ALBERT G. LYFORD,
Chairman School Board.

Date July 9, 1923.

(Required by the State Board of Education from all State Aided Districts.)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board and those of the treasurer of the school district of Bow, of which the within is a summary, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MAUDE I. PUTNEY,
Auditor.

Date July 14, 1923.

RECEIPTS.

From the selectmen raised by taxation:

For the support of elementary schools,	\$5,674.07
For the payment of high school and academy tuition,	411.31
For the salaries of district officers,	227.00
For the payment of per capita tax,	290.00
Special appropriations, superintendent, salary,	133.00
Special appropriations, repairs,	419.80
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Total amount received from taxation,	\$7,155.18

From sources other than taxation:

Dog licenses (from selectmen),	\$161.20	
Elementary school tuitions,	88.00	
Other receipts, rent for school house	2.00	
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Total amount received from sources other than taxation,		\$251.20
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Total receipts from all sources,		\$7,406.38
Total cash on hand at beginning of year (July 1, 1922)		64.34
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Grand total,		\$7,470.72

Summary of school treasurer's report:

Cash on hand, July 1, 1922,	\$64.34	
Received from selectmen,	7,155.18	
Received from other sources,	251.20	
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Total for fiscal year, July 1, 1922-June 30, 1923,	\$7,470.72	
School Board's orders paid,	7,470.72	
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Outstanding orders at end of fiscal year,	\$164.30	
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Deficit, June 30, 1923,	\$164.30	
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		\$7,635.02

PAYMENTS.

Administration:

Salaries of district officers (1, 3),	\$227.00
Superintendents' excess salary (5),	133.00
Truant officers and school census (6),	60.00
Expenses of administration (2, 7),	29.35

Instruction:

Principals' and teachers' salaries (day schools),	\$4,460.00
Text books (10),	138.69
Scholars' supplies (12)	78.10
Flags and appurtenances (13),	8.90

Operation and Maintenance of school plant:

Janitor service (16, 17),	192.60
Fuel (18),	285.00
Water, light and janitors' supplies (19, 20, 21, 22),	1.60
Minor repairs and expenses (23, 24, 25),	135.67

Auxiliary agencies and special activities:

Transportation of pupils (28),	605.00
High school and academy tuition (30),	411.31

Outlay for construction and equipment:

Alterations of old buildings (38),	284.13
New equipment (39, 40, 41),	294.67

Debt, interest and other charges:

Tax for state-wide supervision \$2 per capita),	290.00
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Total payments for all purposes,	\$7,635.02
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BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS JUNE 30, 1923.

Cash on hand:

Balance June 30, 1923,	\$64.34
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Accounts due to district:

From town:

Balance due for 1921-22,	948.30
Balance due for 1922-23,	1,071.36

Total assets,	\$2,084.00
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LIABILITIES JUNE 30, 1923.

Accounts owed by district (unpaid bills):

Unpaid orders,	\$164.30
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Total liabilities,	\$164.30
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Excess of assets over liabilities,	1,919.70
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Grand total,	\$2,084.00
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BUDGET FOR 1924 AND 1925.

For school board,	\$195.00
For truant officer,	60.00
For school treasurer,	25.00
For clerk,	3.00
For moderator,	2.00
For auditor,	2.00
For high school tuition,	420.00
For excess salary of superintendent,	133.00
Expense of administration	40.00
For per capita tax,	224.00
For elementary schools five dollars per thousand, equalized valuation,	6,604.39
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REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1923.

Mr. Henry S. Roberts, Supt.

Jan. 1, 1924.

DEAR SIR:—

I herewith submit the report of medical inspection of Bow schools for the year 1922-23:—

Defective vision,	7
Pulmonary disease,	2
Defective teeth,	20
Hypertrophied tonsils,	34
Adenoids,	21
Thyroid disease,	1
Unvaccinated,	2

This report in most respects is gratifying, however we must keep in mind the importance of tonsil and adenoid disease.

Respectfully submitted,
BENJ. L. FREEMAN.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1924-1925.

Fall term begins,	September 2, 1924
Fall term closes,	December 19, 1924
Thanksgiving recess,	November 22-December 1, 1924
Winter term begins,	December 29, 1924
Winter term closes,	February 27, 1925
Spring term begins,	March 28, 1925
Spring term closes,	June 19, 1925

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board and Citizens:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report of the schools of Bow.

There were maintained during the year, six schools for a school year of 36 weeks.

During the year there was one change made in the teaching force. Rilla Edwards resigned her position as teacher in the River Road school and Marion Richner was elected to take her place.

The principle upon which our nation was founded—that of equal rights and equal opportunities to all, is the principle upon which our present school law was enacted by the legislature in 1919, namely: “that every child of school age in the State should be furnished opportunities, as nearly equal as possible, to obtain a sound common school education and should be compelled to avail himself of those opportunities.” School officers, state and local, are working to accomplish this end.

Equal opportunities for the education of children in the rural schools are slow of attainment.

The children of the city and large village attend school in a comfortable, sanitary, well-heated and well-lighted building with modern toilet rooms; taught by well-trained teachers, in classes large enough to arouse enthusiasm, and are given facilities that modern progress has provided.

The children of the rural communities assemble in a one-room school house having no modern heating, ventilating and toilet facilities; taught for the most part by inexperienced and untrained teachers to whom is given the entire range of elementary subjects, to be taught to small groups of pupils, and in many schools with only one or two pupils in some of the grades.

The problem of securing well-trained teachers for the rural school is perhaps the most difficult one. Persons having completed high school and normal school courses are ambitious to obtain positions in village and city schools where

they may earn larger salaries, have modern school conveniences, live in a home having modern improvements, and have opportunity for enjoying the benefits received from libraries, entertainments, fraternal organizations and church associations.

Too often the boarding place in rural communities is at such a distance from the school house as to cause inconvenience and more or less hardship for the teacher. In some localities it is difficult to find a boarding place and then the reason given for taking the teacher is that they want the school kept open. The comparative low salary the teacher receives and the corresponding small board she can pay offers no financial inducement to board her but it shows the public spirit of the one who is willing to accept the teacher as a boarder.

I am in favor of a one-room school, it may be owing to my early training in one, but I am in favor of a one-room school taught by a well-trained, well-paid, contented teacher, in a comfortable, modern school house with a pupil enrollment large enough to arouse enthusiasm in both teacher and pupil, in a community willing to co-operate with the teacher in having a good school.

There are 722 one-room rural schools in New Hampshire, and to keep these schools open it appears that these communities ought to furnish from their midst teachers for these schools and a comfortable home for the teacher located near the school house.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

The teachers' meetings held during the year have been well attended by the teachers, who have shown interest in this line of educational work. At one meeting there were thirty-one present, when the keeping of the register was explained and the school law discussed. At another meeting thirty-two teachers and six members of the school board were present. At this meeting Dr. E. W. Butterfield discussed the educational changes in the state in the last seven years and Miss Bernice Batchelder of Massachusetts spoke

on the subject of Reading. The talks of both speakers were exceedingly interesting and instructive.

The teachers and school boards of this Union have formed a Teachers' Association and have already held one meeting and have voted to have at least four meetings a year. The next meeting is to be held February 9th at Hooksett No. 4 School. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

I wish to emphasize the benefits derived from teachers' meetings. They are the best known means of giving efficiency and harmony to a system of instruction and for securing unity of method. They offer an incentive for broader and more thorough study of school interests and duties. I would recommend to the school board that they grant time for these meetings, considering the teacher's attendance upon these meetings part of her school duty.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at some of the schools has not been commendable. Several boys and girls who have graduated between the ages of 14 and 16 have been denied the privilege of working in manufacturing establishments because they did not attend school three hundred half-days as required by law. The law covering these cases reads as follows:

"Such (school) record shall certify that the child has regularly attended the public schools, or private schools lawfully approved as such, for not less than three hundred half-days as shown by the school register, during the year previous to the arriving at the age of fourteen, or during the year previous to applying for such school record, and whether he is able to read understandingly and write legibly, simple sentences in the English language."

If parents would visit the school which their children attend they would get an accurate knowledge of the affairs in the school room, the standing of their children in their classes, and of the problems which confront the teacher. These visits would display an interest on the part of the parent in the work-a-day doings of the school and a willing-

ness to co-operate with the teacher. These visits also ought to decrease tardiness, absence and truancy.

Most of the teachers have been faithful and have done commendable work.

In conclusion I express my appreciation for your hearty co-operation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. ROBERTS.

RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS

School District of Bow.

1. Whole number of children enumerated 5 years of age or older and under 16, inclusive:

Boys 59, Girls 49, Total 108.

2. *(a) Whole number of children registered as members of local public schools on September 30, 1923, 85. Of these, how many are under 5? 0. Over 16? 0.

*(b) Number of children registered in parochial or other private schools and institutions on September 30, 1923, 0. Of these, how many are under 5? 0. Over 16? 0.

(c) Number of children enumerated (5-16) who are attending high school or academy outside the district, 9.

(d) Number of children enumerated (5-16) who are attending elementary schools outside the district, 1.

Total number of children (5-16) reported in schools, 85.

3. Number of children enumerated who are not registered in any school in the district or elsewhere, between 5-8, 7; 8-14, 1; 14-16, 4; total, 12.

4. Total number of children (5-16) accounted for, in school and out of school, 108.

5. Number of children (5-16) reported in 2, (a) or (b), who live in other towns, 0.

6. Whole number of RESIDENT children accounted for 108.

7. Number between the ages of 10 and 16 not able to read and write in the English language, 0.

8. How many of *these illiterate children* were born in New Hampshire? 0. Elsewhere in the United States? 0. In foreign countries? 0.

*9. Number 10 years of age or over who, on September 30, were in Grade I, 0. In Grade II, 2.

10. Of the children (8-14) reported in 3 as not registered in any school, how many are excused by the school board on account of physical or mental disability? 1.

11. Of the children (14-16) reported in 3 as not registered in any school,

(a) how many have completed the course of study for elementary schools? 4.

(b) how many have been excused by the school board because of physical or mental condition? 0.

(c) how many have been excused from attendance by the Commissioner of Education? 0.

12. Number of defective children between 5 and 16:
Blind 0, Deaf and Dumb 0, Feeble-Minded 0, Total 0.

EXPLANATIONS: *Answers to these questions should be taken from school registers.

Number of children between certain ages means number that have reached the lower age, but have not reached the older age. For instance, number of children between 5 and 14 means the number who have reached or passed their fifth birthday and have not reached their fourteenth birthday.

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1923.

	Schools.						
	Bow Mills	Center	White	River Road	Bow Bog	South Bow	Total
Number half days school was in session	344	346	334	340	340	331	2,035
Number half days lost	16	14	26	20	20	29	125
Number half days attendance	7,425	5,518	3,197	3,214	2,467	4,923	26,744
Number half days absence	703	252	733	466	202	655	3,011
Instances of tardiness	70	5	39	123	11	48	296
Visits by superintendent	12	12	13	14	11	11	73
Visits by school board	5	3	1	3	0	0	12
Visits by parents and citizens	55	106	5	6	81	9	262
Pupils not absent or tardy	1	0	0	0	0	3	4
Number pupils registered not registered elsewhere	boys..	12	9	4	6	7	8
	girls..	13	8	9	8	7	10
	total..	25	17	13	14	14	18
Whole number pupils registered	boys..	13	9	5	6	7	9
	girls..	13	8	9	8	8	10
	total..	26	17	14	14	15	105
Non-resident	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Average daily attendance	22	16	10	9	8	15	80
Average daily absence	2	1	2	1	1	2	9
Average membership	24	17	12	10	9	17	89
Per cent. of attendance	92	94	83	90	89	88	90

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Bow Mills.

ELMER WHEELER.

South Bow.

DAVID ROLLINS. DOROTHY WILLS. FREDERICK WILLS.

VITAL STATISTICS.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF BOW: In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed at the June session, 1877, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the records of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923.

Date of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex and condition.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
		Sex.	Living or stillborn.						
Mar. 24	Frederick Gage Tenney	M.	L.	1	Jennie M. Tenney	Bow	Farmer	Vermont	Bow
June 22	Frank Eldridge	M.	L.	5	Lydia Eldridge	Bow	Blacksmith	Somerville, Mass.	Cambridge, Mass.
July 10	Carl M., Jr.	M.	L.	2	Iva Coelbran	Bow	R. R. Brakeman	Deerfield	Lakeport
July 29		M.	L.	4	Willis F. Torrey	Concord	Laborer	Rye	Lakeport
Aug. 31		F.	L.	7	Helen Coelbran	Bow	Farmer	Bow	Bow
Sept. 12	Sheldon, Jr.	M.	L.	1	Addie P. Nudd	Bow	R. R. clerk	Concord	Waterville, Que.
Oct. 4	Doris Mary	F.	L.	5	Anna H. Nordine	Bow	R. R. Shop Employee	Sweden	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Oct. 23	Norma Louise	F.	L.	4	Mary Pinard	Bow	Farmer	Concord	Massachusetts
Nov. 15		M.	L.	2	Ava E. Lewis	Bow	Carpenter	Vermont	Bradford, Vt.
					Mildred M. Ladd	Bow			

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANNIE C. FOOTE,
Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Name of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Marriage.	Name, residence and official station of persons by whom married.
Mar. 24	Moultonboro	Alvah S. Colby	Bow	21	Clerk	Bow	Almond S. Colby Susie T. Hoyt	Bow Chichester	1	Harvey C. Sawyer, D. D. Moultonboro.
June 17	Center Sandwich	M. Helen Kelley	Center Harbor	20	Teacher	Amesbury, Mass.	Nellie G. Hanson Almond S. Colby	Chr. Sandwich Bow	1	
		Wm. W. Colby	Bow	19	Forester	Bow	Susie T. Hoyt Edw. S. Gilman	Chichester Amesbury, Mass.	1	Thomas H. Slacy, D.D., Sandwich.
Aug. 31	Concord	Francais Doris Gilman	Center Sandwich	16	Waitress	Center Sandwich	Marjorie Wallace Frank A. White	Chr. Sandwich Manchester	1	
		William A. White	Bow	39	Farmer	Bow	Asenath Wheeler Hiram Whitcomb	Bow Swanzy	1	Raymond H. Huse, D.D., Concord.
		Edna C. Whitcomb	Keene	33	Teacher	Lock Haven, Pa.	Mary A. Britton Joseph Hewey	Surry Nova Scotia	1	
Sept. 23	Manchester	Lawson Hewey	Bow	26	Farmer	Nova Scotia	Janet Beck Warren Merrill	Bow Hooksett	1	Rev. John A. Evert, Manchester.
		Jennie Merrill	Bow	17		Bow	Hattie Wentworth	Hooksett	1	

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ANNIE C. FOOTE,
Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923.

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age.		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	Place of birth.	Sex.	Condition. Sing. or widow.	Occupation.	Father.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Jan. 3	Clarinda J. Jameson	91	11	4			Dunbarton	F.	W.	Retired	Ayers Cliff, P. Q.	Chester		Richard Merrill	Betsey Worthen
Mar. 7	Don Parnell	64	11	11			Ayers Cliff, P. Q.	M.	W.	Farmer	Hooksett			John Parnell	Polly Haines
May 18	Jeremiah French Sargent	81	4	20			Canterbury	M.	W.	Farmer	Bow			Samuel Sargent	Elizabeth Leharon
June 17	Ella M. Downing	47	10	6			Hooksett	F.	M.	Housewife	Bow			Wm. B. Elliott	Phebe Clough
July 29	Joseph G. Clough	75	1	15			Bow	M.	W.	Farmer	Bow			Emery Clough	Polly Elkins
Oct. 23	Nellie E. Whiteher	70	(?)				Andover	F.	S.	Retired	Bow			P. M. Whiteher	Jane Taggart
Nov. 19	Benjamin T. Green	86	10	13			Bow	M.	W.	Farmer	Gorham, Mass.	Bath, Me.		Saml. R. Green	Mary Robertson
Dec. 16	Adelash M. Shreve	76	2	19			Athens, Pa.	F.	M.	Housewife	Gorham, Mass.	Bow		George W. Baneroff	

BODIES BROUGHT TO TOWN FOR INTERMENT.

Date	Name	Age		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	Place of birth.	Sex.	Condition. Sing. or widow.	Occupation.	Father.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Apr. 30	Sterling Colby	72	7				Bow	M.	W.	Farmer	Bow			Sterling Colby	Susan Walker
Apr. 21	George Noyes	84	8	24			Bow	M.	W.					John Noyes	Mehitable Elliott
June 19	Grace M. Colby	47	9				Lancaster, Pa.	F.	M.	Housewife				Tarquahar Huff	Susie Adams
July 5	Mary E. Page	54		26			New Brunswick	F.	W.	Housewife				Isaac Allen	Phebe Call
July 19	Mary E. Simonds	63					Andover	F.	W.	Housewife	Andover			Samuel P. Brown	
Sept. 14	Rachel J. Knott	94	4												
Jan. 3	Martha J. Palmer	83	9												
Oct. 1	Adelaide A. Johnson	81	1	0											

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ANNIE C. FOOTE,
Town Clerk.

